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FUTURE EVENTS

International Community Day
Hyder Park, Sept. 14

Taste of New Mexico
National Hispanic Cultural Center
Oct. 12 & 13

Commission Meetings
Board of Finance
August 13, 2013 4:30 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
August 13, 2013 5 p.m.

Zoning Meeting
August 27, 2013 3 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
August 27, 2013 5 p.m.

County Planning Commission
1st Wednesday of month @ 9 a.m.

Meetings are held
in the
Vincent E. Griego Chambers
in the basement of the
City/County Government Building
1 Civic Plaza
5th and Marquette NW



BernCo at a Glance

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Healthcare Coverage and You

Sat., August 24, 2013

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Three informational sessions will be held at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
(You need attend only one.)

West Mesa High School

6701 Fortuna NW

Albuquerque, NM 87121

- Are you between the ages of 0-64 and without medical insurance?
- Do you know the benefits offered through Medicaid?
- Do you know adults becoming eligible for Medicaid as of January 2014?
- Do you think you might qualify?
- Do you know your healthcare rights?
- Would you like to know more about how YOU or your family can get health insurance?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, then this event is for you. And if you have any relatives, friends, or neighbors that might benefit from these meetings, please let them know as well.

*Sponsored by: YDI Elev8, YDI EE&T, Health Action New Mexico,
Southwest Women's Law Center, NM Center on Law and Poverty and ENLACE*

North Valley Library Fire Update — The library remains closed as fire restoration and replacement of damaged computers, furniture, and library materials takes place. All carpet will be removed and replaced as well. Work has just begun, and at this point there is no estimated completion time or date set for reopening the building. The public is asked to be patient as repairs take place. Donations may be made by going online to friendsforthelibrary.org. Your new and continued support is greatly appreciated. For more information, call the Main Library at 768-5141.

Need Assistance or Resources?

Contact Neighborhood Coordination Specialist Darrell Dady
at 468-7364, or at ddady@bernco.gov



National Night Out
set for Tuesday, Aug. 6
 Check with your area's
 neighborhood association
 or neighborhood watch
 leader for scheduled
 events.



Bernalillo County Introduces "BernCo Bernie"

Bernalillo County has launched a new campaign to create more awareness about the county's parks and open space properties. BernCo Bernie represents the eight sheep in the county's seal - now serving as ambassadors to promote the county's parks and open space properties.

For more on BernCo Bernie,
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New Additions to the BC Public Art Collection

Ten new pieces of art have been added to the county's public art collection. The pieces range from photographs to watercolor to low relief sculpture. They were paid for through the county's 1% for the Arts program. The artwork is on display at the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center, One Civic Plaza NW, 10th Floor, Conference Room B.

Artists featured include Steve Bromberg, Catalina Delgado-Trunk, Martin Fahlen, Monika Kaden, Tricia Love, Lydia Madrid, David Ondrik, Tim Prythro, Robin Gay Wakeland, and Robert Medina Cook.

The public is invited to view these new additions to the county's Public Art Collection. Call Nan Masland for more information at 314-0467.

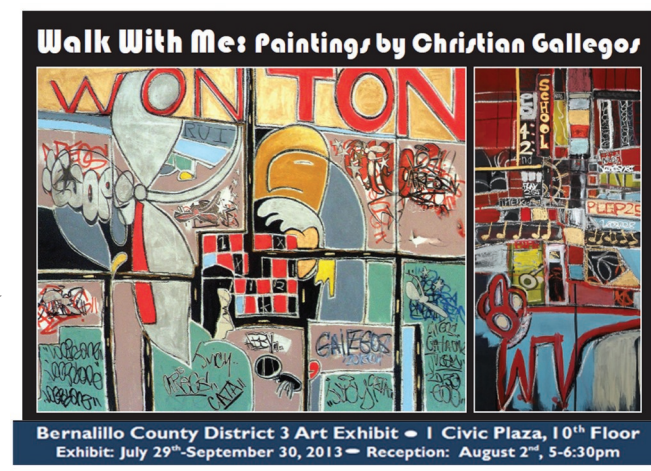


District 3 Art Show "Walk With Me"

Join Commissioner Hart Stebbins for the next District 3 art show, "Walk With Me", featuring paintings by Christian Gallegos. This show is the 26th in a series of exhibits showcasing the talent and creativity of District 3 artists.

Christian Gallegos is a contemporary abstract artist who was raised in Spanish Harlem in New York City but now calls Albuquerque home. In his early twenties, Christian evolved from a graffiti artist into an oil painter, painting mostly abstract pieces and experimenting with surrealism.

Christian's paintings have been on display in galleries in Albuquerque, Tucson and New York. You can see more of his work by visiting his website, <http://www.christiangallegos.com/index.html>.



For more information, please call 468-7108 or email jhartley@bernco.gov.

Commissioner O'Malley Supports Environmental Cleanup Program

Commission Vice Chair Debbie O'Malley in July traveled to Washington, D.C. to testify in support of a federal program that helps communities clean up and redevelop contaminated properties.

Commissioner O'Malley was invited to testify by U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., who chairs the Senate Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health. The hearing focuses on the benefits of the Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Cleanup Program.



Commissioner Debbie O'Malley and
U.S. Senator Tom Udall, D-NM.

“The EPA’s Brownfields Program has helped many communities across the country, including New Mexico and Bernalillo County, review and clean up environmental hazards and create jobs at the same time,” Vice Chair O'Malley said. **“The Brownfields Program is a great opportunity for local governments to access federal funds that can help turn a polluted site into a positive asset for the community.”**

The Sawmill Community Land Trust is one example of a successful brownfield cleanup site in Bernalillo County. Additionally, Bernalillo County has received \$400,000 to both conduct environmental assessments of contaminated sites, as well as to support training for employees in brownfield cleanup. To date, the EPA's Brownfields Program has provided \$1.5 billion in grants to communities across the country.

In March, Sen. Udall introduced the bipartisan Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) Act of 2013, which would modernize and improve key elements of the Brownfields Program.

West Nile Virus Healthy Reminder



West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne disease that was first seen in North America in 1999. The most serious manifestation of West Nile Virus infection is fatal encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) in humans and horses, as well as mortality in certain domestic and wild birds. Cases of West Nile Virus in New Mexico have occurred every year since 2003. West Nile Virus infections in humans occur seasonally, with the peak of cases in late summer and early fall.

The risk of acquiring West Nile Virus can be reduced by:

- Using insect repellent;
- reducing the amount of time spent outdoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active;
- having screens on your doors and windows to keep mosquitoes out; and
- emptying or eliminating water-holding containers (where mosquitoes lay their eggs) such as tires, flower pots and buckets.

For the latest information regarding West Nile Virus, please call the state Department of Health's Epidemiology and Response Division at 505-827-0006, 8 a.m.— 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Locally, you may also call 311.

BernCo Public Works Report

Did you know that the Bernalillo County Contact Center is located within the Public Works Division? The Contact Center strives to provide superior customer service to all county residents. The ultimate goal is to simplify non-emergency inquiries and requests, and to offer a positive experience.

Currently, calls are handled for road conditions and traffic issues only. In the future, assistance with services from other Bernalillo County departments will be added.

Here are a few ways to get in touch with the Contact Center:

- Inquiries about roads in Bernalillo County, call 848-1503
- Inquiries about traffic and traffic signals in Bernalillo County, call 848-1504

E-mail 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at PWCallCenter@bernco.gov

Bernalillo County provides a flood map information service to the general public related to the National Flood Insurance Program.

The map information service provides assistance in determining if:

- Property is or is not located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA);
- base flood elevations as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM);
- determination if mandatory flood insurance is required for a property;
- copies of elevation certificates, FIRM panel numbers and suffixes, and date of the FIRM's index; and
- explanations of FIRM elevation datum.

For more information or for questions, please contact the Bernalillo County Floodplain Administrator Don Briggs, by telephone at 848-1511 or by email at drbriggs@bernco.gov.

Bernalillo County Introduces BernCo Bernie

Bernalillo County has launched a new campaign to create more awareness about the county's parks and open space properties. BernCo Bernie is the new ambassador for county-owned open space and parks properties.

BernCo Bernie represents the eight sheep in the county's seal.

Eight BernCo Bernies have been hidden at various open space sites waiting to be discovered. Residents are encouraged to explore the county's outdoor gems and find all eight BernCo Bernies. Individuals who find all eight sheep will become a part of the illustrious Bernie's Herd; and the first 200 will have a special surprise awaiting them.

Bernalillo County maintains 12 open space properties and 56 parks that reach from one end of the county to the other. Activities at these properties range from prescription walking trails and hiking to water splash pads and pools; from skateboarding to bird-watching; and from equestrian activities to hang glider landings.

To learn more about the county's parks and open space properties, visit www.BernCoBernie.com. Fun facts and information about the county and specific details about joining Bernie's Herd are also available on BernCo Bernie's website. To keep up with BernCo Bernie, follow him on Twitter, @BernCoBernie.

Have a Blast With the Past in BernCo's Open Spaces

Archaeology 101, backyard farming, and more are set for August's free events

Bernalillo County – Bernalillo County's Open Space Program is off and running this August with four free workshops throughout Bernalillo County's great outdoors. Highlights include the "Archaeology 101" workshop, featuring a lecture and demonstration at Sabino Canyon; and a backyard farming workshop aimed at urban farmers who want to keep livestock. All events are free. Participants are encouraged to RSVP at www.bernco.gov/openspace or by calling Colleen McRoberts at 505-314-0398.

A summary of the August events includes:

Archaeology 101

August 3, 2013 from 10 a.m. - noon at Sabino Canyon Open Space (34 Forest Rd. 252)

Clues from people long ago can be found throughout New Mexico. Discover the practice of archeology in our arid state that is littered with clues to the ancient past. Archeologists from the New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies will talk about discovering, excavating and caring for artifacts that are casually found in the landscape and the stories locked into these fragments of time.

Backyard Chickens and Goats

August 17 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House (6029 Isleta Blvd. SW)

Learn what you need to keep chickens or goats as part of your urban homestead. Participants will leave with knowledge of what chickens and goats need in terms of shelter, space, food and best breeds, as well as ongoing care, common problems and potential products that can be harvested from chickens and goats.

Hippity Hoppity Herps

August 24 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Bachechi Open Space (9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW)

The chorus of a Rio Grande Leopard Frog or Woodhouse Toad, the colorful display of a Painted Turtle's shell and the slithering of a Common King Snake are all part of the bosque experience. Michael Sanchez from the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science will bring a variety of local reptiles and amphibians to show and share. These herps are sensitive indicator species and can tell us much about the health of our bosque ecosystem.

Stories that Float

August 24 from 10—11:30 a.m. at Bachechi Open Space 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW)

Like water, stories are fluid and connect us to many places. Susi Wolf uses the ancient art of storytelling to teach about the elemental liquid that we all need to live, weaving together stories, music and puppets around water.